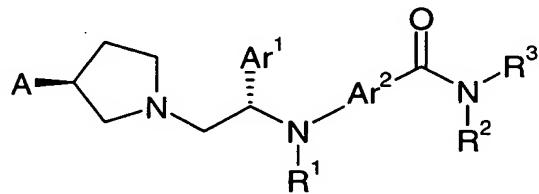


**Abstract****Process for the preparation of pyrrolidinyl ethylamine compounds via a copper-mediated aryl amination**

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The invention provides a new process for the preparation of compounds of formula (XI):



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which are useful as kappa agonists. The process involves, as a key step, a copper-mediated aryl amination.